

SIGNAGE EXAMPLES



STEPS TO GET A SIGN OR AWNING APPROVED

1. Study the Zoning Regulations- the Zoning Administrator must adhere to these restrictions:

- PERMIT** (803.10) No sign can be installed until a sign permit has been issued by the City of Independence.
- WALL SIGNS** (802.6) The sign cannot exceed 5% or 50 square feet of the total surface area, whichever is smaller.
- CORNER BUILDINGS** (802.6) Allowed one sign per wall. Must also follow "Wall Sign" regulations.
- AWNINGS, CANOPIES, AND MARQUEES** (802.6) The sign shall not exceed more than 10% of the total surface area of the awning, canopy or marquee.

2. The Independence Historic Preservation and Resource Commission (IHPRC) must base their decisions on the Secretary of Interior Standards. Consider these suggestions that signs and awnings should be:

- Harmonious with the character of the building in size, scale and design.
- Distinctive, creative (with images and graphics) and simple (4-6 words).
- Pedestrian-oriented that respects neighboring buildings
- Mounted in such a way not to damage, alter or obscure historic architectural features. (Both the Independence Main Street Office and the IHPRC are more than willing to assist with designing appropriate signs and awnings for historic buildings.)

3. With the assistance of a professional, provide a detailed sketch with dimensions, colors and placement of the proposed sign or awning, along with the application, to the City of Independence.

4. Both the Zoning Administrator and the IHPRC must approve the sign or awning. Once approved by both, a permit will be issued. Then go to a company to have the approved sign or awning constructed and installed.

WHO TO CALL

If you have any questions regarding signs and awnings, the application process, or ordinances, please contact:

City of Independence
(620) 332-2500

Independence Main Street Office
(620)331-2300

“Preservation is not about longing for the past or resisting progress. It’s about building on the past toward the future.”

-Sharon Shea Miller
San Antonio Historic Preservation Officer

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www.pinterest.com

www.thesignchef.com

www.designshack.net

www.fastsigns.com

Look at these cities for examples:

Salt Lake City, Utah

Saratoga Springs, New York

San Antonio, Texas

Iowa City, Iowa



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